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1. GULF'S WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE, NESTOR ORTIZ, CALLED COUNTRY OFFICER FOR ECUADOR ALLITTO THIS MORNING (APRIL 15) RIGHT BEFORE A SCHEDULED CALL FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GRUNWALD TO GULF. ORTIZ REPORTED THAT GULF'S PRESIDENT FOR LATIN AMERICA, T.D. LUMPKIN, HAD JUST GONE CONFIDENTIAL

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OVER A LONG TELEX MESSAGE FROM GULF'S NEGOTIATORS IN ECUADOR, HAD NO REPEAT NO PROBLEM WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MESSAGE, BUT WANTED GULF'S COUNSEL, GLEN LUCAS, TO CLEAR THE LEGAL ASPECTS BEFORE LUMPKIN GOES ON UP THE GULF CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR APPROVAL. LUCAS RETURNS FROM ARGENTINA TONIGHT, AND WILL STUDY THE MESSAGE OVER THE WEEKEND.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, ORTIZ SAID THAT LUCAS WOULD BE LOOKING SPECIFICALLY FOR ANY POSSIBILITY OF COUNTERSUITS FROM ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY, FROM BROKER MARK RICH, OR FROM THE ECUADOREAN STATE PETROLEUM CORPORATION. ORTIZ OPINED THAT IF LUCAS FOUND NO PROBLEMS, GULF WOULD SIGN THE BUY-OUT AGREEMENT. WHEN ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT LETTERS OF CREDIT, ORTIZ REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF

ANY PROBLEM AT THIS END, AND THAT ON THE CONTRARY GULF WAS GOING TO TRY TODAY TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF SETTING UP THE REQUIRED LETTER OF CREDIT. ORTIZ ADDED THAT GULF HAD DECIDED NOT TO DENOUNCE THE GOE AT NEXT WEEK'S STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

3. COMMENT: BASED ON ORTIZ' INFORMATION, IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS CAUSE TO BE OPTIMISTIC THAT GULF WILL SEE ITS WAY CLEAR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT. THE DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY WORD ABOUT LUCAS' REVIEW UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 18, AT THE EARLIEST.

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